

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, and 34-40 are amended and claim 6 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 13, 14, 16-24 and 34-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. As suggested by the Examiner, the corresponding independent claims 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, and 34-40 are amended to indicate the use of the recited features in a communication system. Hence, withdrawal of the Section 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Durrant et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,680,414). Although this rejection is respectfully traversed since Durrant et al. fails to disclose all the claimed features, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 6, which was indicated as allowable, for the sole purpose of expediting the prosecution. Hence, withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection and allowance of independent claim 1 and dependent claim 2-5 and 7-11 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-12, 15 and 26-33 are indicated as allowable. Further, since the Sections 101 and 102 rejections are believed to be overcome, allowance of those claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Daniel Y.J. Kim, at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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